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The MIT Community Players are performing Joe Orton's farce, *Loot*. Their excellent performance may be most appreciated by "those who can look beyond the dark nature of Orton's humor."

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UPDATE

The nomination of MIT Professor Frank Press to the post of Science Advisor to the President remains unofficial and unconfirmed, two weeks after *The Washington Post* reported that he had been offered the job. Press could not be reached for comment.

CAMPUS

Professor of Physics Arthur K. Kerman has been appointed director of the MIT Center for Theoretical Physics. Kerman, who joined the MIT faculty in 1956, succeeds Francis E. Low, Karl Taylor Compton Professor of Physics.

MIT scientists have taken a significant step towards the harnessing of fusion energy. Working at the Bitter National Magnet Laboratory, researchers have improved the ability to contain extremely hot fusion fuel (plasma) very close to the condition required for "breakeven," the threshold where the fusion energy released equals the energy used to create the plasma.

The long-term effects of oil spills on the environment and on resort business appears minimal according to Dean A. Horn, Director of the MIT Sea Grant Program. Horn and a group of Sea Grant researchers have been analyzing and evaluating the spills during World War II from tankers for their "historical and present-day effects on shoreline ecology."

NATION

The United States Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to rule on a case of alleged "reverse discrimination," in which a white applicant to a California medical school claims he was denied admission solely because of his race. A California court ruling held that minority student quotas were unconstitutional by virtue of the 14th Amendment, which, said the court, affords equal protection to "any person."

GA report questions MIT's budget

By Mark James

Tuition forms too large a part of MIT's fundraising and should be replaced in part by alternative sources, according to a report of the General Assembly (GA) Committee on the Institute Budget.

The report was released at a GA meeting held Wednesday night. No formal action was taken at the meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

The report makes several specific recommendations on fundraising alternatives:

- "MIT should increase its goal for contributions to the scholarship fund from \$10 million to \$20 million, and place some additional emphasis on achieving" this goal.

- The Institute should sell the

Simplex property, and invest the receipts from the sale to generate revenue aimed at slowing the rate of tuition increase.

- Half of MIT's \$20 million "rainy day" surplus income fund should be used to help control tuition.

- The rate of tuition and equity level increases should either be tied to inflation or, preferably, to the rate of increase in median family income.

"The balance of payments is shifting toward us [the students]" said committee member Thomas Gindin '77, who suggested that students should be included in the membership of the Academic Council, the group that decides the class size and tuition rate.

(A more detailed look at the report will be presented next

Tuesday in *The Tech* as the first part of a series analyzing different views of the MIT financial situation.)

The GA has not achieved a quorum since its meeting of Oct. 6, to discuss the LSC-SACC movie controversy. Undergraduate Association (UA) President Phillip Moore '77 echoed complaints by many members about the GA's inability to function, saying "Let's try to get a quorum next time, or shut up shop."

In other action:

- GA members present at the meeting expressed their approval for new bylaws for the Nominations Committee (Nomcom), which is responsible for

nominating students to MIT Committees. The new rules would make GA approval necessary for the appointment of new members of Nomcom and to ad hoc Institute committees, and allow the GA to review other nominations. Nomcom had been operating without GA approval for its nominations before the GA resumed meeting last year.

- Moore announced that an MIT food coop is being organized. A meeting on the subject was held Tuesday, and another is planned for next Wednesday.

- UA Secretary-General Charles Shooshan '77 said that April 13 is the tentative date for UA elections.

Student action urged by state Rep. Noble

By Thomas J. Spisak

Schools foster the myth that a student's first responsibility is to the university, Representative Elaine Noble of Boston's Sixth Suffolk District charged Tuesday during a lecture here sponsored by the Association for Women Students.

Noble, speaking on Women in Politics, said students have a responsibility to the community as well as to the university. "You must contribute to the environment in which you live, work, and learn."

"You were born political," she asserted. "Sometimes people have the luxury of avoiding dealing with politics until they find themselves a victim [sic] of the process."

"But by staying out of the political process we elected the pigs we don't want. Nixon was elected by the lowest majority turnout ever," she maintained. "Everyone has the responsibility to get involved."

Noble likened her role in "dealing with the last bastion of power, the last all-male club in the Commonwealth," to that of a talking dog at a circus.

"Some of my colleagues are so amazed that I can speak that they don't listen to what I'm saying," she laughed. "But my presence in

the General Court and on the Rules Committee teaches them that their stereotypes of women and gays are not laughing matters."

Asked about the House redistricting plan that pits her against fellow liberal incumbent Barney Frank for re-election, Noble denied that the plan was designed to purge the legislature of its progressives.

"The voters of the Commonwealth decided in a referendum that 80 of us had to go. It was inevitable that some very good friends would end up running against each other."

Asked about long term goals, Noble replied "To save my seat. Seriously, I try not to make plans any more than six months ahead. I expect to be a candidate for re-election."

Cockroaches in dorms to stay

By Bob Wasserman

Cockroaches will continue to plague MIT dormitories in the future, despite the efforts of professional exterminators contracted by MIT.

Bob Shaw, of the MIT Housing Office, cited several reasons for the cockroach infestation of the dormitories. The basic problem,

he said, is "the lack of housekeeping" by MIT students and the general uncleanness attributed to food in kitchens and rooms. Shaw disclosed that older buildings have an additional cockroach problem due to "more cracks and crevices" but he added that all dorms are infested.

Several exterminating com-

panies are employed by the Housing Office and in general these were praised by Shaw. The exterminators spray liquid chemicals in the dorms which are varied from year to year so that the cockroaches will not become immune to the poison. The strength of the insecticides used is limited due to federal regulations, a factor which Shaw said hinders the complete extermination of the cockroaches.

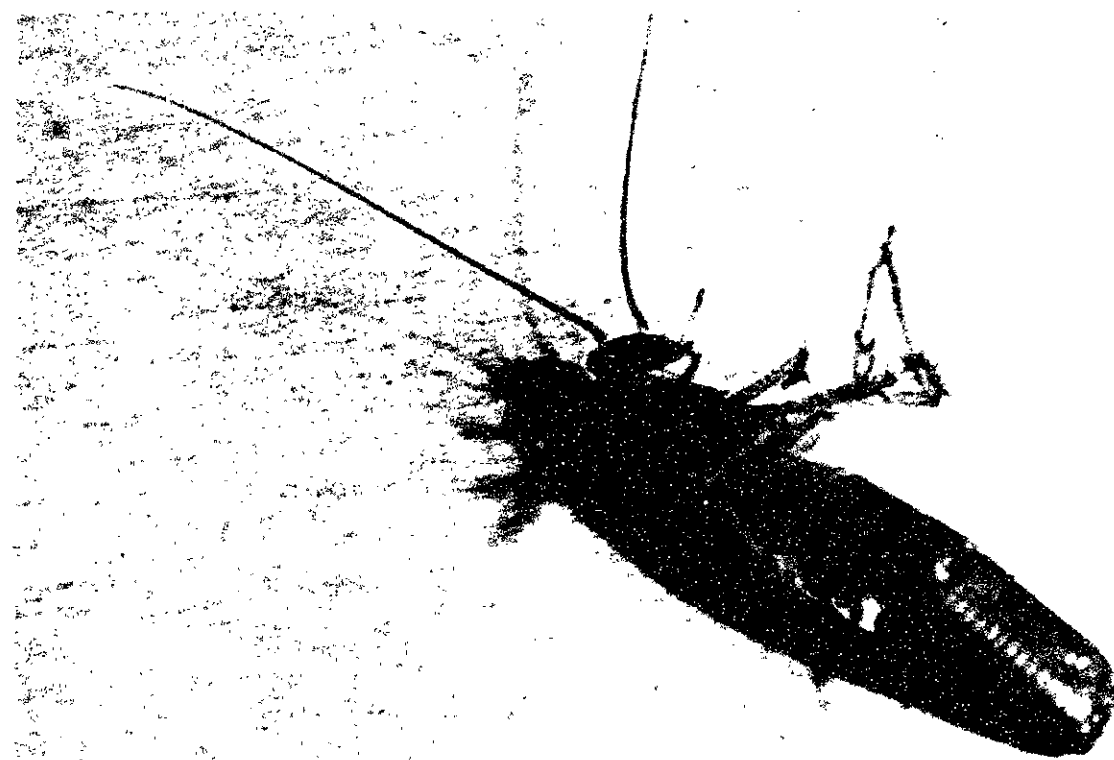
Shaw explained that each dorm is completely sprayed with insecticides each summer when occupancy is lowest, usually once, but two times if necessary. Certain areas are sprayed periodically during the rest of the year, and a complete spraying can be done during the fall or spring terms "if deemed necessary by house managers from the complaints of residents" said Shaw.

House managers of several MIT dorms, including Burton, McCormick, MacGregor, East Campus, and Senior House, agreed with Shaw's appraisal of the competency of the exterminating companies. Most dorms are sprayed bi-weekly or weekly in areas such as kitchens, bathrooms, slop sinks, trash areas and laundry rooms. Individual rooms are often sprayed by request, and floors and suites un-

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Representative Elaine Noble of Boston's Sixth Suffolk District speaking on women in politics emphasized the need for more political participation among students.



One of the many cockroaches that infest MIT dormitories. This one managed to escape the chemical

insecticides of the exterminators long enough to produce a new swarm of progeny.

MIT building may house solar power research lab

By Margot Tsakonas

An MIT-owned building has been proposed as the site of the forthcoming national Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI), which is being established by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA).

The site, at 70 Memorial Drive, was endorsed in a proposal by the New England Task Force of the New England Council, a Boston-based organization of businessmen. The head of the task force, Lawrence Levy, said that all of New England was studied, and the Cambridge location affords a wealth of resources and manpower for such a project. He added that use of the MIT building requires the approval of both

Tech Talk: no issue

By Roger Silverstein

Tech Talk was not published on Feb. 23, and will not be published on March 30 and April 20, due to a financial squeeze.

According to JoAnne Miller, Assistant Director of the News Office, this is an experiment designed to help deal with the budget. Miller feels that these issues are of limited importance, since one date is in the middle of spring vacation, and the other two are immediately after four-day weekends.

This is the first time since the News Office started publishing *Tech Talk* as a weekly, six years ago, that it has skipped an issue during the academic year. It has been published as a bi-weekly during the summer for the last two years.

If the experiment is successful, Miller will drop selected issues, deemed of limited importance throughout the academic year. This will help defray inflationary pressures such as the rising cost of newsprint. It would also allow longer issues to be published occasionally, if necessary.

If the reader reaction is strong, the News Office will have to look harder at the experiment, and re-evaluate the budget difficulties, although Miller doesn't see any easy alternatives to cut costs.

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Blood drive goal is 2000 pints

By Drew Blakeman

"Anyone can give blood" during the MIT Red Cross Blood Drive, according to Blood Drive Chairman Steve Piet '78, who urges every eligible person to donate a pint of blood. The drive will take place in the Sala de Puerto Rico from March 2 through 11.

The goal for this drive is 2000 pints, which Piet says is "reasonable" for the MIT community to achieve. He estimates that about ten thousand people affiliated with the Institute are eligible to give blood. The record high for donations, over 2300 pints, was set in the Spring 1971 drive.

Appointment forms are available in the TCA office — Rm. 450 in the Student Center — and in most living groups. Piet noted that giving blood is "not much of an inconvenience, particularly if you make an ap-

pointment." Dates and times of the Blood Drive as well as medical requirements appear on the form.

There will be two separate living group contests during this Blood Drive, one sponsored by the IFC and the other by Dormcon. In each contest, the top three houses by percentage of donors will each win a half-keg of beer.

In addition, the house that shows the greatest improvement in donation percentage from the fall drive will also win a half-keg. Carol Pokodner '78 of McCormick is the dormitory solicitor, and Rob Steidlitz '79 of Phi Kappa Sigma is the fraternity solicitor.

"For this drive to be a success," Piet said, "we'll need a lot of people to come in and give an hour of their time and a pint of blood." He added that the Blood Drive needs "many people to volunteer some of their time to help out."

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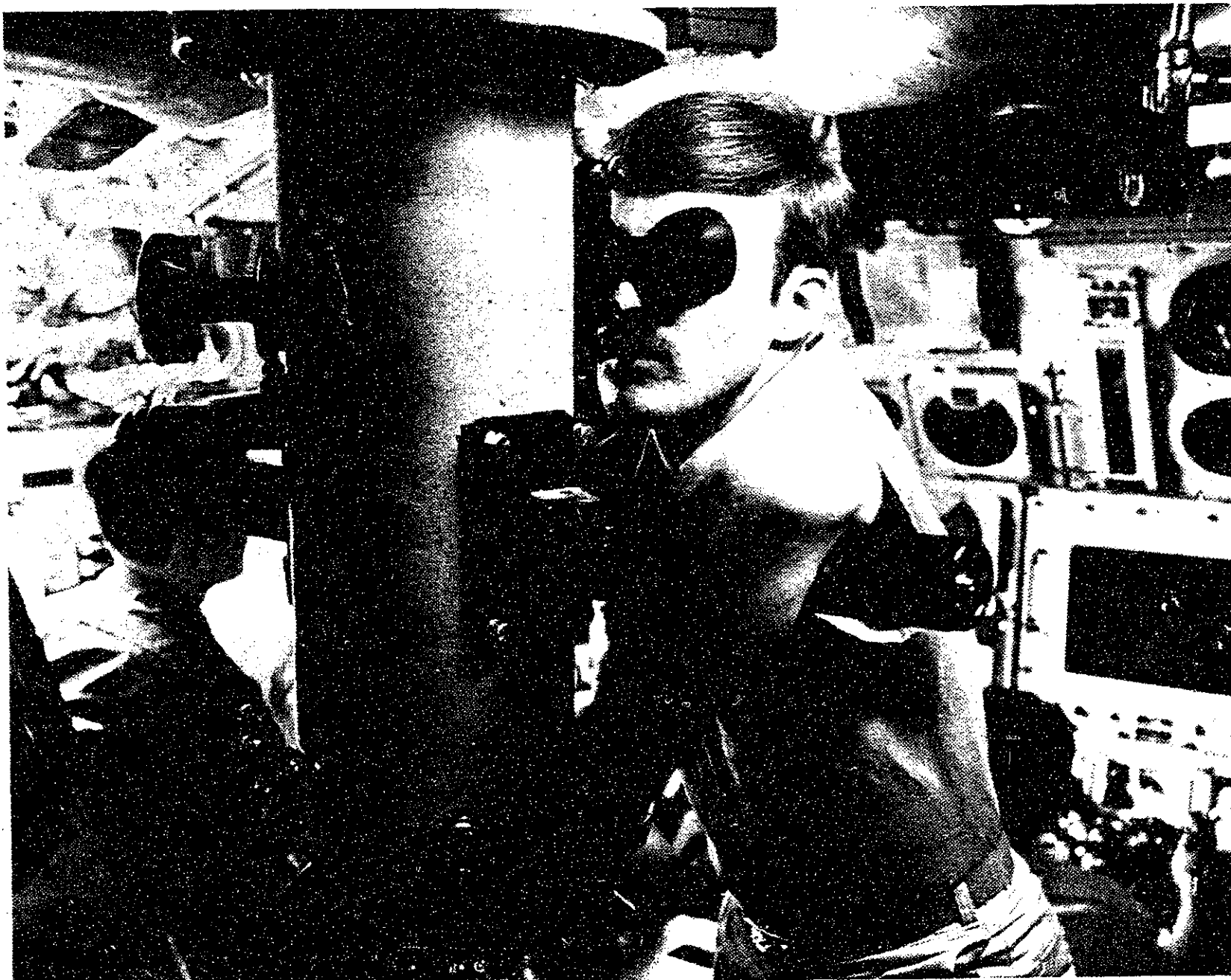
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Hustler conviction a judicial obscenity

By William Lasser

Last Friday, *The Tech* ran a cartoon by Mike Peters which depicted the female personification of Justice as a *Hustler* centerfold along with the words "Miss Trial." The reference was, of course, to the Ohio conviction of the controversial magazine's publisher, Larry Flynt, on charges of obscenity and organized crime.

The cartoon is funny, especially to Eastern progressives who chuckle condescendingly at the thought of a midwestern prosecutor appealing to a jury of puritans, and, better yet, succeeding. But the Flynt case is far from humorous, for it, like so many issues these days, tests once again the First Amendment, chipping away a little more at our rights to free speech and a free press.

Ludicrous as certain aspects of the trial seem, they must not be put aside as the work of some harmless district attorney looking for headlines and political advancement. The conviction will undoubtedly be appealed, probably to the Supreme Court of the United States. There, Warren Berger and the eight associate justices will attempt to clean up the mess they created four years ago when they declared that obscenity laws were a matter of "community standards" and had nothing to do with the federal judiciary.

Flynt can rest assured that the organized crime conviction will not stand up to appeal. In Ohio, a person is guilty of committing that offense if he collaborates with four other persons to commit any other crime. Of the five alleged to have been involved in a conspiracy to violate obscenity laws, only Flynt was convicted — leaving the obvious problem, which the Ohio jury ignored, of there being only one other person with whom he could conspire. And that "person," in an incredible perversion of constitutional law, was the *Hustler* corporation itself.

The obscenity conviction, which is far less serious in terms of punishment but far more important in terms of constitutional freedom,

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can be settled only by the Supreme Court. This year, the court will hear at least five new obscenity cases. In the past, the Court had invoked, among others, the rule of "redeeming social value" to determine whether a film or magazine was pornographic. But in 1973, it ruled that it would offer no guidance at all to local authorities. Here, as in other areas, *Burger et al* created a monster, one whose actions can certainly only diminish our constitutional guarantees.

Under this decision, "Deep Throat" actor Harry Reems was convicted in Memphis, Tenn. for conspiracy to transmit obscene material across state lines, and *Screw* magazine publisher Al Goldstein was prosecuted in Kansas, where his magazine isn't even sold. A Cleveland prosecutor is already thinking of moving against *Playboy*, which would be quite a milestone.

The real danger in the obscenity field is that the Court's ruling, as presently interpreted, makes it possible for any community to enforce its standards on the entire country. We are thus not governed by community standards but by the standards of the strictest community. If *Hustler* were forced to fold because of the tough Ohio law, the effect of the Cincinnati decision would be national, the standards of Cambridge, Mass. or anywhere else notwithstanding.

Flynt, who claims that violence, and not sex, is "the real obscenity," warned that *Time* and *Newsweek* would not be immune from persecution if the current trend were allowed to continue. He is not a man deserving of our respect or sympathy. But he is right. Said *The Nation*: "Odd though some truths may sound coming from a man who publishes what can only be called a vile magazine, he was uttering sound constitutional doctrine when he said them." In characteristic understatement, it called the Ohio prosecution "deeply disturbing." Perhaps "appalling" would have been more appropriate.

Surely the Supreme Court did not wish this effect from its muddled 1973 opinion. Nor, we must hope, does the Court want this type of blatant censorship to extend past the sexually explicit magazines to dissident political papers or anywhere else. It is shocking even in theory that *The New York Times*, or the *National Review*, or even *The Tech* could be shut down forever by an overzealous official in Ohio or Tennessee.

The easiest thing to do, of course, would be to remove all pornography restrictions as applied to adults. That simple decree would allow the court to keep intact the First Amendment. It would still protect children and those who do not wish to be exposed to what they regard as immoral or undesirable. This action would solve the obscenity problem once and for all, and the resulting victory for Flynt would place his name with that of John Peter Zenger, who was acquitted in a strangely similar case in 1735.

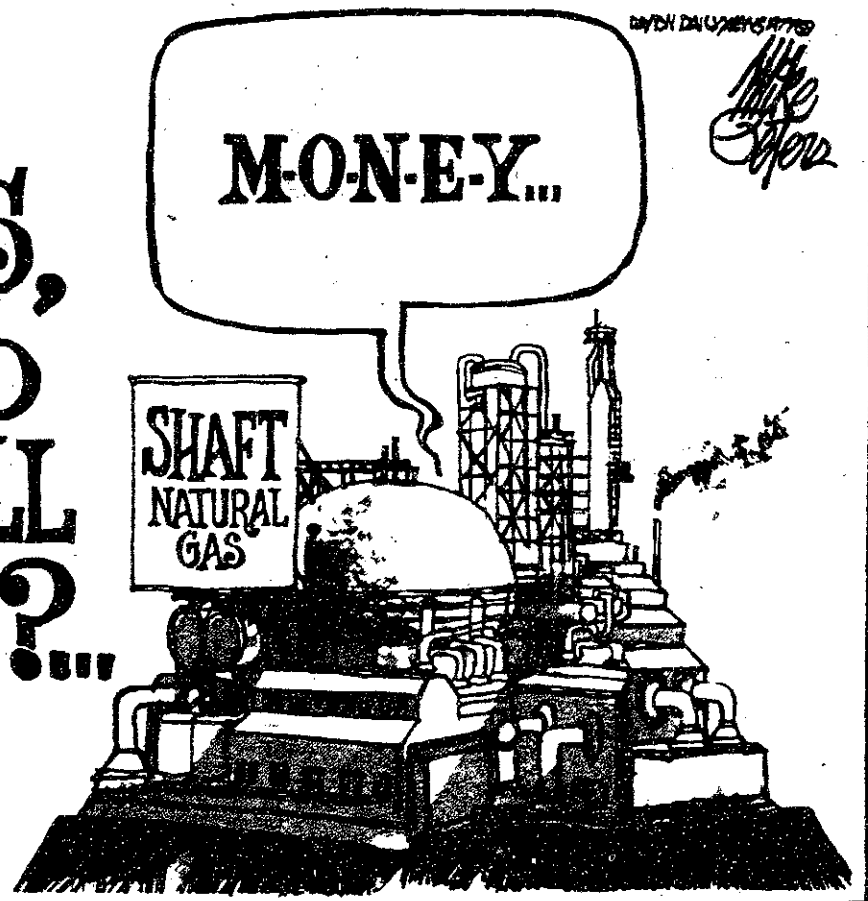
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A new national direction?

By Jim Eisen

The greatest failing of the Ford Administration was not so much the shallowness of its accomplishments as its lack of imagination. At a time of mounting problems at home and innumerable difficulties abroad, passivity is perhaps the ultimate indictment of an American government.

Between crises, at least, we have a chance to reflect on the purpose of government and its relationship to individuals. In his 1914 essay diagnosing current un-

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Each approach has something unique to offer and appeals to different elements of American society: each provides different answers, with somewhat contradictory assumptions, to crucial political and economic questions. The weakness of our two-party

private sector (all of which are "bipartisan" issues), the President must begin to deal effectively with Congress' Democratic majority.

Despite impressive manipulations of important symbols and a refreshing personal style, Carter is clearly eager to establish a new national direction by taking on issues he can sink his teeth into. His obvious inexperience in dealing with Capitol Hill, however, has tempted him to concentrate on foreign policy questions, about which, at this point, he knows little.

Mastery of the national political system is a monumental task. The bureaucracy that must be tackled is bloated, irrational, incomprehensible, and inefficient. It is epitomized by the welfare system, whose rationale has not been rethought in years, despite ballooning costs. Effective government has never been an outstanding American virtue, but the necessity for it has probably never been as acute as it is today.

Given a chance, Carter has the exceptional intelligence to become an outstanding leader. But the frustrations will be enormous — he must tame Congress, or at least gain a facility for ramming proposals through it, and he must revitalize his party, the bureaucracy, and the country by providing farsighted leadership and a comprehensible philosophy of government. National drift, and chaos, are the unpleasant alternatives.

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rest, Walter Lippmann noted that his analysis "begins with the obvious drift of our time and gropes for the conditions of mastery." Since then, the nation's problems have not become any simpler.

In planning for the future, there are roughly speaking, three philosophical alternatives from which this country can realistically choose:

- The utopia of minimal government and competitive capitalism advocated by Milton Friedman, which rests on the ideals of efficiency and "freedom."
- The collectivist welfare state, the planned (but privately owned) economy of nations such as Sweden, with their cradle-to-grave guarantees of personal well-being.

system can be traced to its inability to focus on the implications of those assumptions and align the voters accordingly. Note that the approach closest to the heart of the Republican Party (Friedman's) was largely preempted by Carter during the last campaign. He drove home the need for efficiency and competence in government, and keyed his attack on the disproportionate influence of special interest lobbies that subvert the function of the federal government.

On the other hand, Carter's broad power base has forced him to tread a thin partisan line. To make good on his promises of reorganization, welfare reform, energy policy, government efficiency, and deregulation of the

feedback

New music a 'great pleasure'

To the Editor:

Roger Kolb and music do not seem to mix well. For him only the old stuff is worthy. Mozart bores me, it makes me see fluffed up wigs and stiff French gardens. Minuets make me hear "Let them eat cake." I don't know what melodic participation, melodic invention or harmonies are; fortunately, it saves me from trying to sound like a pedantic connoisseur. I just let music fall on me.

This morning Béla Bartók's Concerto N°2 for Piano and Orchestra (I'm copying it from the cassette) woke me up. Delightful sounds, whiffs of fresh meadows, but modern meadows, those that one reaches by car, not those one passes while traveling in a sedan chair. Stockhausen's music is of today: of ugliness and beauty, for people who dare to admit that Manhattan moves

them more than the Grand Canyon. Hans Werner Henze I prefer above all, he is a Max Ernst and Andy Warhol of today's sound. Folkish themes of today are acid rock, chain saws and the beeps punctuating moonlanding conversations, but also the twittering of birds in the Amazon forest or the great whales songs brought on our stereos.

Today is neat! So it is good to open our ears and let it flow and

taste, it does not matter how or when or by what it was produced. Let Javanese gamelan and Ockegem and Dvorák compete to let you have Bosch-like dreams. Great pleasure often comes from unexpected sources. A good example is the wonderful symphony for steel and snow born out of the incestuous marriage of the efforts of Louise Nevelson and the East Campus residents.

Philippe Annez G

NDSL loans needed here

The Tech received a copy of this open letter to the MIT community.

To the Editor:

Those of you who read Sunday's *Globe* may have noticed an article about President Carter's intentions to have Congress abolish the National Direct Stu-

dent Loan program. Many students here will be affected drastically by the loss of this program. The following letter, which expresses our concern, will be available to all members of the

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Kaye lists writing story errors

To the Editor:

The article in the last issue of *The Tech*, exploring the views of Joe Brown and Sandy Kaye, on the demise of the Pilot Writing Program, is inaccurate.

(1) We are not "preparing to throw in the towel or make... peace with the victors." Joe Brown, Sandy Kaye, Seth Racusen, Steve Reuys, and Dan de Hainaut have no choice of any kind. They have all been fired.

(2) We do not think "student-centered teaching is dead" at the Institute. It is true that the kind of teaching we have done (which was

validated by the Sivin Committee, and which brought 750 students into writing classes last year) is not represented in the Dean's plan for a new Writing Program, or in his advertisements for a permanent Director. But that kind of teaching does exist elsewhere at the Institute, and will spring up wherever a group of teachers finds it obligatory to create something of value for students, whatever the risks.

(3) Our reluctance to go along with the ultimata of the Dean's ad hoc committee resulted from our inability to get any information

from the committee on either its mandate or its criteria for evaluation.

(4) Professors Cumming and Chadakowska did not refuse evaluation. Professor Cumming wrote an eight-page memo on the unfair, inappropriate procedures of the ad hoc committee — which that committee "refused to receive."

(5) The Sivin Committee warned that the appointment of a director "could be disastrous if not taken prudently and at the right time." This prophecy was fulfilled in the fall, with the imposition of the acting Director.

(6) I do not think the founders of the Pilot Writing Program are "giving in." We have tried all available avenues of appeal. The needs of students, the integrity of our teaching, and our careers have been shunted aside by arbitrary, illogical and unprofessional procedures. There are, apparently, no mechanisms for ensuring the growth and development of this vital part of the undergraduate curriculum.

Although Joe Brown is away, finishing his novel, I am sure he will want to participate in this dialogue when he returns next month.

Sanford Kaye
February 23, 1977

NATO strength debated

To the Editor:

This letter is prompted by an editorial in the February 15th *The Tech*, dealing with the question of defensibility of Western Europe. The flagrant ignorance on the subject and complete bias of the author, the dismissing of conclusions reached by responsible experts through pinning of derogatory labels on them, make that column distort a very important issue. Overall trends show an aggressive and unmatched growth on the part of the Soviet Union, in Eastern Europe. In airpower, for example, the Soviets have been putting into service large numbers of new aircrafts, all moving away from the traditional roles of strictly air-defense, to ground-attack, air superiority, and long-range strike and interdiction. While the West still probably has the upper hand here, this is no longer the clear advantage area that offset all other disadvantages, but a very much contested field. As a footnote, Mr. Spisak's assertion that Russian ECM warfare capability is better than American, is totally arbitrary and false; the West's advantage in this area being one of its bigger pluses. The huge Russian advantage in numbers on the ground, through continuing deployment of more armor and infantry, coupled with the quality of the equipment used, being comparable to the West's, gives them dangerous offensive opportunities. The Soviet chemical warfare capability has no equivalent in NATO. Further area of concern is the over reliance on tactical nuclear weapons, to make up numerical disadvantages, on the part of the U.S., with the effectiveness, flexibility, and survivability, of this concept, being seriously questioned in a recent Congressional report.

Since Mr. Spisak so one-sidedly pointed out Russian internal problems, it should be noted that the West has its share. The bad economic situation has forced cutbacks by many NATO members; the sliding British commitment being an example. Political problems are also present; the Turkish-Greek conflict over Cyprus being another example. NATO weapons are not as standardized as Warsaw Pact's, and this together with the long supply line, creates large logistic problems. In another related footnote, Mr. Spisak's conclusions from 1973 Middle East conflict on poorness of Soviet logistics are again not true, as the Russians were able to pump in as much hardware as the Americans.

Overall, the Russians have a first strike advantage in Europe and the question is whether NATO, under attack, can get into gear before the war is over and lost. Perception of relative strengths is also important, and the international blackmail or another case of "Finlandization,"

this time in Western Europe, would be very grave. The maintenance of a credible force and a strong commitment is required to prevent these situations. I would like to end, by noting that the issue involved is very crucial and complex and editorials of the personal and arbitrary type, like Mr. Spisak's do little for an intelligent consideration of it.

Chris Cholak '80
February 21, 1977

(Editor's Note: The article in question was a commentary, not an editorial and as such does not necessarily represent the views of the Editorial Board of *The Tech*.)

NSDL reduction protested

(Continued from page 4)

MIT community who wish to sign it in Lobby 7 next week.

Dear President Carter,

We are dismayed to learn that you are contemplating the abolition of the National Direct Student Loan program. Tuition at MIT is increasing at an alarming rate; this imposes its greatest burden on students who may be recipients of federal loans. Not only will the discontinuation of this loan program force many current students to terminate their education, but many qualified and otherwise enthusiastic young people will be

discouraged from applying to MIT in the future.

This phenomenon is obviously not limited to MIT. Surely you are cognizant of the importance of national investment in higher education in all fields. A reduction of NSDL loans will have painfully direct consequences for a great number of us here, but it will also signal a degeneration of our nation's intellectual resources.

Mark E. Marshall '80
Joy V. Fredette '78
J. Noel Chiappa '78
George B. Yundt '80
February 23, 1977

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Loot: poor taste well done

By Kathy Hardis

The MIT Community Players' production of Joe Orton's shocking, grotesque, and outrageously funny farce *Loot* is very well presented, but one must possess an unquavering sense of humor to enjoy it.

The prize-winning play leaves nothing sacred — the butts of Orton's humor are freshly dead corpses, police stupidity and brutality, the Catholic Church and marriage. The jokes are a curious amalgam of virulence and ingeniousness; the cast of characters consists of Catholics, criminals, detectives, and an excessively manhandled cadaver.

The play is about a bereaved husband mourning his dead wife. He is comforted by an efficient nurse (also a seven-time murderess) who literally helped the lady to her end. The scene of grief is joined by the woman's bisexual son, somewhat distracted from his mother's death because he has just robbed a bank with the undertaker's assistant.

The two accomplices are also disturbed by the presence of a sinister-looking man who claims to be an official of the Metropolitan Water Board. Since the two friends had the misfortune of being beaten by him at the police station, they suspect he is a policeman.

When this man demands to search the house, the two culprits decide to hide their stolen loot in the coffin and the corpse in the closet. From that point on, the play becomes a crazy juggling act as the corpse and money continually switch hiding places with the precision of the participants in a bedroom farce.

On the whole *Loot* is excellently written. Orton had a lively sense of the absurd and managed to contrive beautifully farcical situations. The dialogue is quick and lively; some of his many jokes are even wholesomely funny.

The police are the primary subjects of the more iconoclastic humor. The detective

who has an infallible gift for minute circumstantial deduction fails to notice a corpse lying on the bed. He spends most of his time beating and bullying the miscreants who have just robbed the bank, yet he is actually only interested in getting his share of the loot.

But the themes underlying this blatant, brazen play are not merely anti-police or anti-Catholic. The play is primarily a presentation of basic human injustices which disguise themselves as respect for those accepted decencies. The Catholic nurse confesses, "I would have practiced euthanasia if my religion did not forbid it, so I murdered her." The gestapo policeman proclaims, "It is for *your* own good that authority behaves in this seemingly [sic] alarming manner." These are attacks on man's intrinsic greed and hypocrisy rather than on the institutions themselves.

The entire cast portrays their bizarre roles with admirable relish. Michael Kriesman is very effective as the oafish detective, and Diana Sheehan is very efficient as the Catholic nurse who has acquired a knack of doing away with elderly patients.

Timothy Bird creates a properly pathetic character out of the quavering Irish husband, and Spencer Cherashore and Mathew Wells, the two bisexual bank robbers, should be commended on their dexterous handling of the corpse.

The director David Dorwart has excellently paced the timing of the dialogue and action in a very well staged production.

The question of whether or not to see *Loot* is, however, not a matter of technicalities. The issue lies in the somewhat shocking, macabre jocularities of the play. I would not recommend *Loot* to those who easily take offense but only to those who can look beyond the dark nature of Orton's humor and realize it might be somewhat more good-natured than it appears to be.

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Campus interviews will be held on March 16. Those interested should make appointments through the Placement Office.

No solution to roach problem

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dergo cockroach extermination at the discretion of the house manager.

Cockroaches enter dormitories in various ways, and once inside they are "impossible to get rid

even on the clothes of occupants. Cockroaches must eat to survive, and Mele declared that "McCormick never had any cockroach problems until the cooking kitchens opened up."

Students can hurt the exter-

plained Esther Foster, house manager of Senior House. According to Foster, all furniture must be moved away from the walls for proper spraying.

Foster said that "students are more willing to have rooms sprayed than in previous years, which accounts for the 'overall decrease' of the number of cockroaches in Senior House. Due to the difficulty of cockroach extermination, student cooperation in cleaning their living areas and preparing rooms for spraying is vital for the containment of cockroaches in the future, she concluded.

"... impossible to get rid of ..."

of," according to Norma Mele, house manager of McCormick Hall. She asserted that cockroaches can be brought into dorms via old refrigerators, Coke deliveries, shopping bags, and

mination effort both through general sloppiness and through a lack of cooperation. "Spraying would be more effective if the individual rooms were prepared properly by the occupants," ex-

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BTP, Baker capture IM track

By Glenn Brownstein

Led by three meet records, Beta Theta Pi romped to the Men's Intramural Track Championship. Craig Katz '79 was the top individual for the champions, setting a meet record in the 50-yard dash along with a third in the long jump and fifth in the 1000-yard run.

Other meet records for BTP came from Scott Brennan '80 in the long jump and the mile relay team of Tom Hauer '79, Jerry Cole '78, Brennan and Dave Mohr '79. Additional scorers for BTP were Mark Kilchenmann '78 with a second and a third and Mike Johnson '80 with a third.

Biology and Baker House tied for second. Tom Cotner G, mile run record-setter and second in the two mile, led Biology. Baker had balanced scoring, led by senior Jeff Lofton's second in the 50-yard dash and a third in the mile relay.

The top individual performer was Dave Fullerton G, a record-

breaker in the high jump and pole vault. The two mile run, won by Brian Reinhold G, provided the final new meet record in the men's division.

In the women's division, Baker slipped past Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with Women's Independent Living Group third. Deb McKechnie '79 led Baker with second place in the shot put, third in the hurdles and fourth in the dash.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was led by Roseanna Means G, third in the long jump, fourth in the shot and mile run, fifth in the high jump and 600-yard run.

Individual record-setters were Nancy Breen '80 (long jump, high jump, and hurdles), Sheryl Strothers '80 (50-yard dash), Patrice Tyrell '79 (300-yard run), Cyndy Reedy '80 (600-yard run) and Sue Krolewski '80 (mile run).

Men's: Shot put: 1-Johnston (SAE), 2-Kilchenmann (BTP), 3-Johnson (BTP), 40'4 1/2";

Long jump: 1-Brennan (BTP), 2-Reid (ChocC), 3-Katz (BTP), 19'7 1/4"; High jump: 1-Fullerton (Ind), 2-Lipsey (Ind), Edelman (PLP), 6'0"; Pole vault: 1-Fullerton (Ind), 2-Taylor (DKE), 3-Bors (NJS), 11'0"; 45-yard hurdles: 1-Wozniac (DTD), 2-Taylor (DKE), 3-Kilchenmann (BTP), 6.5.

50-yard dash: 1-Katz (BTP), 2-Lofton (Bak), 3-Hauer (BTP), 5.8; 600-yard run: 1-Mohr (BTP), 2-Zieve (Bio), 3-Yates (Ind), 1:25.2; 1000-yard run: 1-Poteete (Bio), 2-Hill (ChocC), 3-McDougall (SAE), 2:33.2; Mile run: 1-Cotner (Bio), 2-Davison (Bak), Riehl (Bak), 4:55.0; Two-mile run: 1-Reinhold (Ind), 2-Cotner (Bio), 3-Korf (Bak), 10:26.0; Mile relay: 1-BTP, 2-SAE, 3-Baker, 4:05.5.

Team scores: 1-BTP 47, 2-Biology and Baker 24, 4-SAE 18, 5-Chocolate City 13.

Women's: Shot put: 1-McCarley (Bak), 2-McKechnie (Bak), Edleanu (SAE), 26'1 1/2"; Long jump: 1-Breen (Ind), 2-Johnston (SAE), 3-Means SAE, 14'4"; High jump: 1-Breen (Ind), 2-Reedy (Ind), 3-Gamble (Bak), 4'1"; 45-yard hurdles: 1-Breen (Ind), 2-Reedy (Ind), 3-McKechnie (Bak), 7.0; 50-yard dash: 1-Strothers (Ind), 2-Tyrell (Ind), Cordova (Ind), 7.1.

300-yard run: 1-Tyrell (Ind), 2-Simonsick (Bak), 3-Johnston (SAE), 47.9; 600-yard run: 1-Reedy (Ind), 2-Krolewski (Ind), 3-Breen (Ind), 1:36.4; Mile run: 1-Krolewski (Ind), 2-Reedy (Ind), 3-Irving (WILG), 5:35.1; Mile relay: 1-Random, 2-Baker, 3-WILG, 4:57.8.

Team scores: 1-Baker 34, 2-SAE 28, 3-WILG 13.

Roundup

Fencers rip Stevens

By Glenn Brownstein and Tom Curtis

Substituting freely, the men's varsity fencing team breezed by Stevens Tech 19-8 last Saturday. Mark Smith '78 led the team with three victories as he paced the sabre squad to a 7-2 win.

The women's basketball team split their final two home games last week. After falling to Bates 64-47 Saturday, the women came back to smash Brandeis 50-39 Tuesday. In her last game before a home crowd, Lisa Jablonski '77 was the high scorer with 13 points.

The men's basketball squad (7-

12) dropped two games last week to eliminate any chance of its first winning season since 1972.

Against Bates Saturday night, five minutes of ragged play early in the second half cost the Beavers the ball game, as the Bobcats captured the lead and held it until the final buzzer, winning 78-74. Ray Nagem '80 topped MIT with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Tuesday night, Bowdoin blasted MIT 91-58 as the Beavers played a consistently flat game.

The varsity squash team split two meets last week, topping Wesleyan 6-3 Saturday before falling to Trinity 8-1 on Tuesday.

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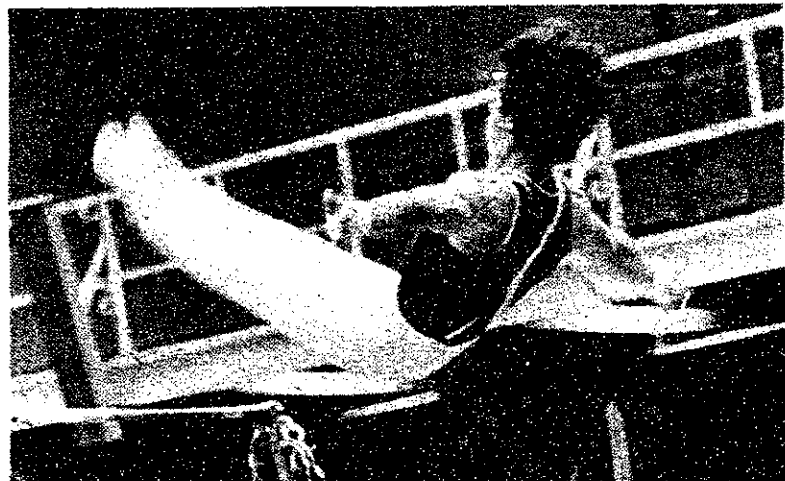
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Hrvoje Petek '80 does a back flip off the horizontal bar in last Saturday's 143-138 loss to Central Conn.

Richardson paces track

By Dave Dobos

Senior co-captain Frank Richardson broke the nine-year-old MIT varsity record in the two-mile run in Saturday's Eastern Collegiate Indoor Track Championships at Tufts University at Medford. The three-time All-American blazed to a second place finish behind Providence's John Tracy. Richardson was timed in 8:54.4, topping the mark of Ben Wilson '70 set in 1968. Richardson's performance confirms the fact that he is MIT's best distance runner

ever. "He did better than even we expected," asserted head coach Gordon Kelly.

Leaping 6'5", high jumper Reid von Borstel '78, the only other MIT athlete to place in the meet, finished in a third place tie. The Beavers wound up tenth overall.

In non-placing efforts, senior John Lundberg tossed a personal best 51'6" in the 35 lb. weight throw, almost two feet farther than his previous top mark, and Chris Svendsgaard '78 ran a fine 4:18.6 in the mile run.

SAE captures weight title

By Tim Reckart

SAE won the team trophy in the intramural weightlifting tournament last Saturday. Nuclear Engineering and Baker took second and third respectively.

The tournament, with a forty per cent increase in the number of competitors over last year, consisted of two basic lifts, the bench press and the clean and jerk. Each lift was judged on form and control. Win-

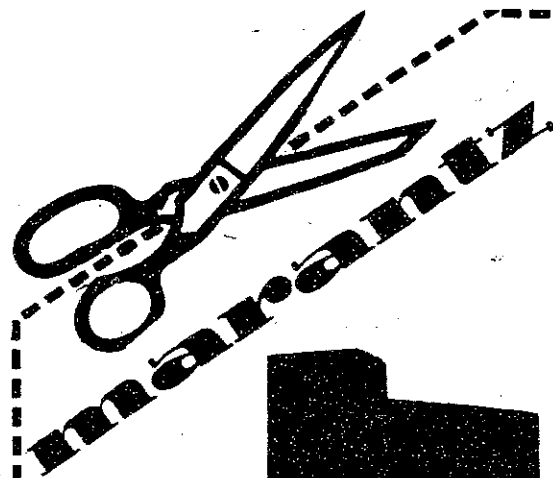
ners in each weight class were determined by the total weight lifted in the two events.

Team points were distributed as follows: four points for a first, three points for a second, and two points for a third. Also, each successful lift by a competitor gave his team 1/24 of a point.

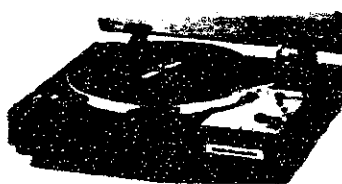
All people who placed in the competition are asked to check with the IM office next week to receive their medals.

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	2	Rich Valinoti	115	115	230
	3	Ricardo Sitchin	105	90	195
130-145 lbs.	1	Stuart Wagner	170	185	355
	2	Orlando Jett	205	145	350
	3	Al Knauf	150	135	285
145-160 lbs.	1	Hank Nusbaum	315	175	490
	2	Ray Board	230	210	440
	3	Mark Taylor	250	190	440
160-175 lbs.	1	Alan Levin	275	205	480
	2	Sal Malguarnera	175	225	400
	3	Randy Reineck	190	185	375
175-190 lbs.	1	Andy Cook	210	205	415
	2	Bruce Wrobel	190	— ²	190
	3	John Marcou	150	— ²	150
190-210 lbs.	1	John Lundberg	200	195	395
	2	Greg Mayhew	215	180	395
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